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SUBJECT: UN ACTIONS ON TIMOR

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT, WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH UN REPRESENTATIVE WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, GAVE ME FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JANUARY 26.

2. WINSPEARE (UN REPRESENTATIVE REFERS TO HIMSELF AS MR. WINSPEARE), ALTHOUGH FULLY AWARE HE WAS ON CONDUCTED TOUR, WAS IMPRESSED BY SITUATION IN FIVE TOWNS HE VISITED. THERE WAS NO SIGN OF INDONESIAN MILITARY FORCES OR OF MILITARY OCCUPATION. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION WAS WORKING AND APPEARED TO HAVE SOME COMPETENT PEOPLE INCLUDING FORMER MEMBERS OF MODERATE WING OF FRETELIN.

3. WINSPEARE'S REPORT IS LIKELY TO FAULT INDONESIA LARGELY BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO MEET ANYONE FROM CURRENT FRETELIN OPPOSITION. HE REQUESTED FROM FRETELIN REPRESENTATIVE HORTA IN NEW YORK NAMES OF AREAS WHERE AIRCRAFT MIGHT LAND IN FRETELIN TERRITORY. WORD CAME FROM HORTA SUGGESTING LANDING AT SAME BUT ONLY AFTER WINSPEARE HAD RETURNED TO JAKARTA. WINSPEARE SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO SEE WHETHER EITHER

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AUSTRALIANS OR INDONESIANS WOULD BE PREPARED FLY HIM TO

SAME BUT BOTH DECLINED ON SECURITY GROUNDS.

4. WINSPEARE QUOTES INDONESIANS AS ESTIMATING THAT SIX MONTHS MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE THEY CAN WITHDRAW THEIR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO NON-COMMUNIST FORCES IN TIMOR AND A YEAR BEFORE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION CAN TAKE PLACE.

5. WINSPEARE HAD ORIGINALLY RUSHED REPORT IN ORDER PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO INDONESIA EARLY IN FEBRUARY OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. WALDHEIM HAS NOW DROPPED PLANS TO VISIT INDONESIA. WINSPEARE, THEREFORE, PLANS TAKE TIME BEFORE FILING REPORT AND HAS NO DEADLINE AT THIS TIME.

6. WINSPEARE ESTIMATES FRETILIN HARD CORE STRENGTH APPROXIMATELY 1700 AND STILL WELL SUPPLIED. MODERATE FRETILIN PEOPLE BREAKING AWAY AND GRADUALLY DRIFTING TOWARD PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. INDONESIANS HOPE REMAINING FRETILIN FIGHTERS CAN BE SURROUNDED AND FORCED TO SURRENDER ONCE DRY SEASON COMES IN MARCH BUT WINSPEARE BELIEVES THIS IS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. HE ALSO COMMENTED TO WOOLCOTT THAT ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WOULD NOT BE EASY IN VIEW OF REMARKABLY POOR AND PRIMITIVE STATE OF MOST OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF CITIES. HE BASED THIS ON HIS OBSERVATIONS IN OCUSSE ENCLAVE WHICH NOW TOTALLY UNDER INDONESIAN CONTROL.
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